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LEGAL NOTICE South Silvies Com- plex Grazing Allot- ments Project 30-Day Notice and Comment Period

The South Silvies Complex Grazing Allotments project preliminary environmental analysis is now available for public review and comment. The Malheur National Forest, Emigrant Creek Ranger District, is proposing to implement decisions regarding rangeland management actions on the Big Sagehen, Bridge Creek, and Silvies grazing allotments. District Ranger Joshua Giles is the Responsible Official for this project. The analysis area is located about 18 miles north of Burns, Oregon in Grant and Harney counties, and encompasses about 38,061 acres in size, located within the Silvies River watershed. The Emigrant Creek Ranger District proposes modifications to grazing practices, changes to pasture boundaries, and the addition of structures and improvements to meet the purpose and need to reflect current management direction, policies, other applicable laws and regulations, and to address

resource concerns to achieve desired conditions.

The preliminary environmental assessment (EA) can be accessed on the Forest Service website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52366>. Additional project information is located at this website. A paper copy of the environmental assessment, or other project records, can be obtained by contacting Lori Bailey at the Emigrant Creek Ranger District, 265 Highway 20 South, Hines, Oregon 97738, 541-573-4366, or by email at lori.bailey@usda.gov.

Mailed, facsimile (FAX), hand-delivered, and electronic comments concerning this action will be accepted for 30 calendar days following publication of this notice in the newspaper of record for the Emigrant Creek Ranger District, which is the Burns Times Herald, Burns, Oregon. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for this proposal. Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source.

Written comments concerning the project must be submitted to: Joshua Giles, Emigrant Creek Ranger District, 265 Highway 20 South, Hines, Oregon, 97738, or facsimile comments to: 541-573-4398. Hand-delivered comments must be sub-

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mitted during business hours, 8:00 am-11:30 am and 12:30 pm-4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays to the Emigrant Creek Ranger District, 265 Highway 20 South, Hines, Oregon. Electronic comments must be submitted in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text (.rtf), or word (.doc) to comments-pacificnorthwest-malheur-emigrant-creek@usda.gov. If no identifiable name is attached to a comment, a verification of identity will be required for objection eligibility. In cases using an electronic message, a scanned signature is one way to provide verification. E-mails submitted to e-mail addresses other than the one listed above, in other formats than those listed, or containing viruses will be rejected. Only those who submit timely and specific written comments regarding the proposed project or activity during a public comment period established by the responsible official are eligible to file an objection. It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to submit them by the close of the comment period and ensure that their comments have been received. Individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to object must meet the information requirements of 36 CFR 218.

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